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What's New?

Life Beyond DOE-2.2?

Are you wondering what will happen to DOE-2 after DOE-2.2 is released this spring? Will the program continue to be supported? For how long? By whom? Will new features continue to be added? Here are the answers.

Through Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will support users who obtain DOE-2.2 from LBNL or DOE's Energy Science and Technology Software Center. (DOE-2.2 will also be available from other distributors, and those distributors will be responsible for supporting their customers.) DOE-2.2 will be maintained and bugs fixed by the authors--LBNL, J.J. Hirsch & Associates, and others.

LBNL will also benchmark and test new features developed by others before these are added to the standard release of DOE-2.2. This means that LBNL, along with DOE, will serve as the "keepers" of the official version of DOE-2.2.

We fully expect that new features will continue to be added to DOE-2.2. In fact, we know of two organizations that plan to add new modules and significant updates for future versions of DOE-2.2.

However, DOE doesn't plan to have LBNL develop significant new features for DOE-2.2. As you

have read here in the *User News*, LBNL is part of a team developing a new program, EnergyPlus. LBNL is now focusing its development strengths on EnergyPlus; ensuring that the features and capabilities that have made DOE-2 so popular are available in EnergyPlus. (At the same time, we are working to bring strengths from BLAST and other new capabilities into EnergyPlus, while eliminating some of the problem areas that are common to both programs.) We intend EnergyPlus to be the long-term replacement for DOE-2 (and BLAST); however, until EnergyPlus is released and adopted by a significant segment of users, we will continue to maintain and support our DOE-2 users.

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EnergyPlus™ Input – An Evolutionary Approach?

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Remember?

It was the early 1970s. Mainframe computers abounded, but were difficult to access and expensive to use. Engineers had figured out that automation could make their difficult analysis jobs easier and less prone to computational errors. Fortran IV or Fortran 66 was the language of choice for most scientific applications. Computer Science was a recent addition to engineering disciplines.

Control Data Corporation (CDC) mainframe computers were being used in the scientific and engineering communities. The CDC machines and most others insisted that all entries be in UPPERCASE – computers weren't used for text processing!

"User friendly" wasn't in anyone's vocabulary. Most people using computers would or could write their own programs. And interfaces to most programs were cryptic, to say the least. Oriented around the 80-column punch card, numbers in specific columns were probably the closest thing to a "user interface".

DOE-2 and BLAST Input Structures

DOE-2 and BLAST each tried to break the mold of the cryptic interface to their simulation programs.

To quote from the *DOE-2 Users Guide*, Section 3, The Building Description Language: "Many programs require the input data to be punched onto data cards according to a strict and rigid format such as 'the night-time temperature set-point must be in columns 59-60 of the 15th card.' Such requirements are not only stringent, allowing little or no flexibility to the user, but also result in a deck of cards that is almost unintelligible to the user unless exact locations are memorized for each datum. The Building Description Language (BDL) has been developed to allow the designer to translate design concepts into a form the computer can recognize and to allow the designer to see easily what has been done. With very few exceptions the designer does not need to be concerned with what column of the card is being used and in every case the input data are labeled with recognizable words for easy identification."¹

The *BLAST Users Manual* similarly states: "The BLAST program uses an unformatted, English-like input language which permits rapid inspection and easy interpretation of user-supplied input. Error detection and some automatic corrections assist in debugging the input file. While the input is unformatted, it does require proper syntax. In many cases the BLAST input language provides defaults which reduce the input required."²

Did any of us think that 20 years later we would still have the same basic inputs for each of these programs? While the number of engineers and users of computers has increased drastically over those 20 years, the number of people that can create new simulation models has certainly not grown at the same rate. And, I dare say, the number of people that can add new syntax to either DOE-2 or BLAST has probably remained the same (even perhaps the same people!).

Skip forward to 1998

The computing environment today is much different than 20 years ago. With the advent of the Personal Computer (circa 1981), computing became more open to all kinds of people. Today's computer users are no longer expected to be able to write programs for their computers (though many still can and new tools have made those tasks available to others). And, today's computer users expect much more from the software that they use. "User-friendly" is almost the minimum for people to be attracted to a new product. Fast, responsive, and online assistance is a must for new software. Written manuals are rarely (in my experience) read – the online assistance being easier to scan through.

¹ *DOE-2 Users Guide, Version 2.1, 1980*

² *BLAST Users Manual, Version 2.0, 1979*

Many of the same people who have worked with BLAST and DOE-2 over the years are now working to bring the simulation community a new simulation product, EnergyPlus. Representing over 100 years of experience in the energy analysis/simulation community, the collaborative efforts of the EnergyPlus team are creating the software that has been talked about previously in the Building Energy Simulation *User News*¹, on the EnergyPlus web site

http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/energy_tools/energyplus.htm

and in several international conferences. Highlights of the effort include modularization of the code, using standard Fortran 90 language features, and an emphasis on development that can be readily adapted or enhanced by others outside the EnergyPlus development team.

Learning from experience, we decided to concentrate on developing the “engine” of the simulation code and involve outside parties for the “user friendly” interfaces to the simulation.

But, EnergyPlus is software and where would software be without inputs and outputs? So, we devised a very simple structure for the inputs for EnergyPlus. Recognizing that many other programs may use the EnergyPlus engine, we have devised a simple, plain text format that can be produced by virtually any other piece of software.

There are two key elements to EnergyPlus input: the input data dictionary (often just called the IDD) and the input data file (IDF) which will drive the simulation.

EnergyPlus Input Data Dictionary

The input data dictionary (IDD), an example of which is shown in Fig. 1, is used to help the input processor properly interpret the incoming file. Basically, it defines the types of input data.

There are two types of items in the data dictionary: SECTIONS and OBJECTS. SECTIONS are used to partition the input data file into more readable sections. OBJECTS define the data for actual building components. For each object, the Input Data Dictionary defines the “rules” for that object’s data. Namely, the positions of each data item in the input and whether the data item is numeric or alpha.

As currently implemented, the only significant parts of the IDD are the SECTION and OBJECT names (ZONES, MATERIAL, etc.) and the nature of the data items (“A” for alpha or “N” for numeric). All other information is ignored by the input processor though it might be used in post-processing or general information to the users.

```
!SECTIONS (sections have no “parameters”)
Simulation Data;
ZONES;
SYSTEMS;
!OBJECTS
Location,A1 [Location Name],N1 [Latitude: validity: +N -S -90 to +90],
    N2 [Longitude: validity: +W -E -360 to +360],
    N3 [Time Zone: validity: 0 to 24: 0 correspond to -7.5 long to +7.5 long: GMT];
MATERIAL,A1 [Name],A2 [Type],A3 [Roughness],N1 [Thickness{M}],
    N2 [Conductivity{W/(M*K)}],N3 [Density{KG/M^3}],N4 [Specific Heat{KJ/(KG*K)}],
    N5 [Thermal Resistance{M^2*K/W}],N6 [Absorptance Thermal],
    N7 [Absorptance Solar],N8 [Transmittance],N9 [Transmittance Film],
    N10 [Shade Reflectance],N11 [IndexRefraction],N12 [ShadingCoeff],
    N13 [VaporDiffusivity{m^2/hr}],N14 [Porosity{m^2/m^2}],
    N15 [Thermal-Gradient Coeff for Moisture Capacity {kg/(kg*K)}],
    N16 [Isothermal moisture capacity {m^3/kg}];
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Figure 1. Input Data Dictionary Example

Note that the ! character is used to represent comments. SECTIONS then shows what words will be included as “sections” in the input file (i.e. “Simulation Data” -- “End Simulation Data” pairs). Finally the OBJECTS will describe all the possible object lines (either all possible or all included in the particular input file).

The description fields shown (in the MATERIAL and LOCATION definitions) may be useful for new developers or people trying to read the source code. Note that semi-colons terminate the data dictionary objects because object definitions can span more than one “line”.

¹ “EnergyBase, the “Best of” DOE-2 and BLAST,” *User News*, Vol. 17, No. 3, Fall 1996; “EnergyPlus, The Merger of BLAST and DOE-2,” *User News*, Vol. 18, No. 4, Winter 1997.

A major advantage of the IDD is that it is extensible. New SECTIONS or OBJECTS can be added without any changes to the input processor code.

EnergyPlus Input Data File

This is the file (Fig. 2) that all the routines will naturally use to get the data. It can be hierarchically structured (1 level) but the maintenance of the hierarchy will be the responsibility of the EnergyPlus code developers. The input processor needs to know nothing about the actual content of the data in each object, only whether it is alpha or numeric. So far, the team has gone the route of no hierarchical input and uses reference items (e.g. Zone Names, Surface Names, etc.) to preserve the inherent hierarchical nature of buildings (i.e. walls have windows, zones have walls, internal heat gains are in zones). This allows the input to be order independent but adds a burden to the developer if the data should be in some specific order for efficient processing.

Note in the example that numbers are very flexibly input. (All processed into single precision variables).

```
Lead Input;
  MATERIAL, R13LAYER, RegularMaterial, Rough, 0,
  0, 0, 0, 2.29096500E+00, .9, .75, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
  MATERIAL, GLASS - CLEAR SHEET 1 / 8 IN, RegularGlass, VerySmooth,
  0, 0, 0, 0, 4.15898200E-03, .9, .75, .87, 0, 0, 1.52, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
  MATERIAL, B1 - AIRSPACE RESISTANCE, Air, Rough, 0,
  0, 0, 0, 1.60367500E-01, .9, .75, 1.0, 0, 0, 1.0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
End Lead Input;
```

Figure 2. Input Data File Example

Summary

We have tried to place fewer burdens on maintaining the input language for EnergyPlus than was implicit in both BLAST and DOE-2. So far, we have had good success with developers being able to create their own “syntax” for the input processor and successfully get the appropriate data into the right spots in the EnergyPlus program. This highlights one of the most important features of the input structure. Developers can add their syntax to the IDD, use the standard routines already written (and debugged) to retrieve their data after the input processor “parses” it, and use the resultant data in their models. Developers can do this without having to customize any part of the “parser”, generate keyword tables, run separate programs or “mess” in parser code.

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What's New ?? (continued)

Efficient Windows Website

A new efficient windows website, sponsored by the US Dept. of Energy, provides unbiased information on the benefits of energy-efficient windows.

Go to www.efficientwindows.org

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Building Design Advisor: Automated Integration of Multiple Simulation Tools*

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Abstract

The building Design Advisor (BDA) is a software environment that supports the integrated use of multiple analysis and visualization tools throughout the building design process, from the initial, conceptual and schematic phases to the detailed specification of building components and systems. Based on a comprehensive design theory, the BDA uses an object-oriented representation of the building and its context, and acts as a data manager and process controller to allow building designers to benefit from the capabilities of multiple tools.

The BDA provides a graphical user interface that consists of two main elements: The building Browser and the Decision Desktop. The Browser allows building designers to quickly navigate through the multitude of descriptive and performance parameters addressed by the analysis and visualization tools linked to the BDA. Through the Browser the user can edit the values of input parameters and select any number of input/output parameters for display in the Decision Desktop. The Desktop allows building designers to compare multiple design alternatives with respect to multiple descriptive and performance parameters addressed by the tools linked to BDA.

The BDA is implemented as a Windows-based application for personal computers. Its initial version is linked to a Schematic Graphic Editor (SGE), which allows designers to quickly and easily specify the geometric characteristics of building components and systems. For every object created in the SGE, the BDA activates a Default Value Selector (DVS) mechanism that selects "smart" default values from a Prototypes Database for all non-geometric parameters required as input to the analysis and visualization tools linked to the BDA. In addition to the SGE, an integral part of its user interface, the initial version of BDA is linked to a daylight analysis tool, an energy analysis tool, and a multimedia Web-based Case Studies Database (CSD). The next version of the BDA will be linked to analysis tools such as DOE-2 (for thermal, energy, and energy cost) and RADIANCE (for day/lighting and rendering). Plans for the future include the development of links to cost estimating and environmental impact modules, building rating systems, CAD software, and electronic product catalogs.

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Design and Performance of an Integrated Envelope/Lighting System

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Abstract

Dynamic envelope/lighting systems offer the potential to achieve a near-optimum energy efficient environment to meet occupant needs throughout the year by adapting to dynamic meteorological conditions and changing occupant preferences in real time. With the dramatic, increased functionality of the microprocessor, there is an untapped potential to make dynamic envelope lighting systems easier to use, diagnose, and monitor and to integrate them as part of a sophisticated building-wide control system. This study addresses the complex relationship between this energy-efficiency technology and many of the non-energy issues related to its potential acceptance by the building industry, architects, owners, and users. We demonstrate the concept of integrated dynamic systems with a prototype motorized Venetian blind operated in synchronization with electric lighting and daylighting controls via an intelligent controls system. Research work conducted with simulation software and reduced-scale/full-scale field tests is summarized. Much of this work is directly relevant to other active shading and daylighting systems on the market today and to state-of-the-art window systems yet to come (i.e., electrochromics).

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Underground Surfaces

How to Get a Better Underground Surface Heat Transfer Calculation in DOE-2.1E

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Underground surfaces in DOE-2.1E are walls or floors that are in contact with the ground. An example is a slab-on-grade or a basement wall. Underground surfaces are entered using the UNDERGROUND-WALL command, or the equivalent command, UNDERGROUND-FLOOR. Check the description of these commands in the *Reference Manual* for information on the keywords for these surfaces.

Heat Transfer

Care needs to be taken in describing the construction of an underground surface in order to get a correct calculation of the heat transfer through the surface and a correct accounting for the thermal mass of the surface, which is important in the weighting factor calculation for the space. In the LOADS program, DOE-2 calculates the heat transfer through the underground surface as

$$Q = UA(T_g - T_i)$$

where U is the conductance of the surface, A is the surface area, T_g is the ground temperature and T_i is the inside air temperature. *If the raw U -value of the surface is used in this expression the heat transfer will be grossly overcalculated.* This is because the heat transfer occurs mainly through the surface's exposed perimeter region (since this region has relatively short heat flow paths to the outside air) rather than uniformly over the whole area of the surface. For this reason, users are asked to specify an effective U -value with the U-EFFECTIVE keyword. This gives

$$Q = [U\text{-EFFECTIVE}] * A(T_g - T_i)$$

In general U-EFFECTIVE is much less than the raw U -value.

The following procedure shows how to determine U-EFFECTIVE for different foundation configurations. It also shows how to define an effective construction for an underground surface that properly accounts for its thermal mass when custom weighting factors are specified. The procedure assumes that the monthly ground temperature is the average outside air temperature delayed by three months, which is similar to how the ground temperatures on the weather file are calculated. To force the program to use the weather file values, do *not* enter ground temperatures using the GROUND-T keyword in the BUILDING-LOCATION command.

Procedure for defining the underground surface construction

1. Choose a value of the perimeter conduction factor, $F2$, from Table 1, 2 or 3 for the configuration that best matches the type of surface (slab floor, basement wall, crawl-space wall), foundation depth and amount/location of insulation.
2. Using $F2$, calculate R_{eff} , the *effective resistance* of the underground surface, which is defined by the following equation:

$$R_{eff} = A / (F2 * P_{exp})$$

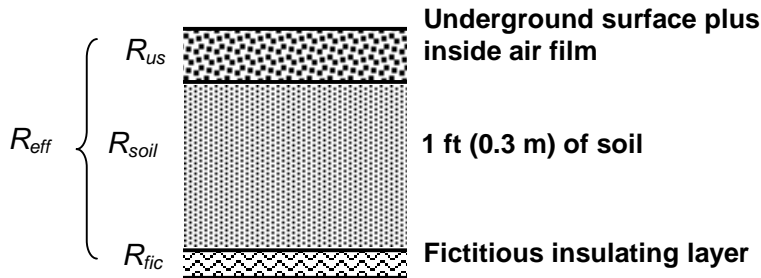
where A is the area of the surface (ft² or m²) and P_{exp} is the length (ft or m) of the surface's perimeter that is exposed to the outside air. Figures 1 and 2 show values of P_{exp} for example foundation configurations. If P_{exp} is zero**, set R_{eff} to a large value, e.g. $R_{eff} = 1000$.

3. Set $U\text{-EFFECTIVE} = 1/R_{eff}$.

The program will calculate the heat transfer through the underground surface to be

$$Q = [U\text{-EFFECTIVE}] * A (T_g - T_i)$$

4. Define a construction, shown in the figure below, consisting of the following:
 - The underground wall or floor, including carpeting, if present, and inside film resistance (overall resistance = R_{us})
 - A 1-ft (0.3-m) layer of soil (resistance = $R_{soil} = 1.0 \text{ hr-ft}^2\text{-F/Btu}$ [$0.18 \text{ m}^2\text{-K/W}$])
 - A fictitious insulating layer (resistance = R_{fic})
 -



The layer of a soil represents the thermal mass of the ground in contact with the underground surface (a 1-ft [0.3-m] layer is sufficient to account for most of the thermal mass effect). The fictitious insulating layer is required to give the correct effective resistance for the construction, i.e.

$$R_{eff} = R_{us} + R_{soil} + R_{fic}$$

From this we get

$$R_{fic} = R_{eff} - R_{us} - R_{soil}$$

** The procedure makes the approximation that the heat transfer through an underground surface with no exposed perimeter, such as a basement floor, is zero.

The procedure for defining this construction is shown in the following example.

Example: 50' x 100' slab-on-grade.

The slab consists of uncarpeted, 4-in (10-cm) heavy-weight concrete (CC03 in the DOE-2.1E library), with resistance = 0.44 hr-ft²-F/Btu (0.078 m²-K/W). The foundation depth is 4 ft (1.22 m) with R-10 (1.76 m²-K/W) exterior insulation, which gives F2 = 0.50 Btu/hr-F-ft (0.86 W/m-K) from Table 1. We then have:

Slab surface area:	$A = 50 \times 100 = 5000 \text{ ft}^2$
Slab exposed perimeter:	$P_{exp} = (2 \times 50) + (2 \times 100) = 300 \text{ ft}$
Effective slab resistance:	$R_{eff} = A / (F2 * P_{exp}) = 5000 / (0.68 * 300) = 33.3$
Effective slab U-value:	$U\text{-EFFECTIVE} = 1 / R_{eff} = 0.030$
Actual slab resistance:	$R_{us} = 0.44 + R_{film} = 0.44 + 0.77 = 1.21$
Resistance of fictitious layer:	$R_{fic} = R_{eff} - R_{us} - R_{soil} = 33.3 - 1.21 - 1.0 = 31.1$

Here, 0.77 hr-ft²-F/Btu (0.14 m²-K/W) is the average of the air film resistance for heat flow up—0.61 hr-ft²-F/Btu (0.11 m²-K/W)—and heat flow down—0.92 hr-ft²-F/Btu (0.16 m²-K/W). For vertical surfaces, such as basement walls, you can use $R_{film} = 0.68 \text{ hr-ft}^2\text{-F/Btu}$ (0.12 m²-K/W).

The input would look like:

```
$ Slab-on-grade $

MAT-FIC-1  = MATERIAL  RESISTANCE = 31.1  .. $ the Rfic value

SOIL-12IN = MATERIAL  THICKNESS = 1.0  CONDUCTIVITY = 1.0
              DENSITY = 115  SPECIFIC-HEAT = 0.1 ..

LAY-SLAB-1 = LAYERS    MATERIAL = (MAT-FIC-1,SOIL-12IN,CC03)
              INSIDE-FILM-RES = 0.77  ..

CON-SLAB-1 = CONSTRUCTION LAYERS = LAY-SLAB-1 ..
.
.
SLAB-1 = UNDERGROUND-FLOOR HEIGHT = 50
              WIDTH = 100
              TILT = 180
              U-EFFECTIVE = 0.030
              CONSTRUCTION = CON-SLAB-1 ..
```

Caution: If you change the dimensions of the slab later, be sure to recalculate R_{fic} . For example, if the 50x100-ft slab is changed to 50x80-ft exposed perimeter becomes 260-ft, and we get $R_{eff} = 4000 / (0.50 * 260) = 30.8$ (rather than 33.3), $U\text{-EFFECTIVE} = 1 / 30.8 = 0.033$ (rather than 0.030), and $R_{fic} = 30.8 - 1.21 - 1.0 = 28.6$ (rather than 31.1).

Note (1):

For basements (Table 2) and crawl spaces (Table 3) an 8-in (20.3-cm) high section between ground level and the top of the underground wall is included in the F2 calculation and so does not have to be entered as a separate exterior wall. However, for shallow basements (Table 2) the wall section between the top of the underground wall and main level of the building should be entered as a separate exterior wall.

Note (2):

The floor of a crawl space (Table 3) should be entered as an UNDERGROUND-FLOOR consisting of a 1-ft (0.3-m) layer of soil with a fictitious insulation layer underneath it. Because the exposed perimeter of the floor in this case is zero, the heat transfer is zero, so the fictitious insulation layer should have a very high resistance and U-EFFECTIVE should be zero. The input would look like:

\$ Crawl space floor \$

MAT-FIC-1 = MATERIAL RESISTANCE = 1000 ..

SOIL-12IN = MATERIAL THICKNESS = 1.0
CONDUCTIVITY = 1.0
DENSITY = 115
SPECIFIC-HEAT = 0.1 ..

LAY-FLOOR-1 = LAYERS MATERIAL = (MAT-FIC-1, SOIL-12IN)
INSIDE-FILM-RES = 0.77 ..

CON-FLOOR-1 = CONSTRUCTION LAYERS = LAY-FLOOR-1 ..
....

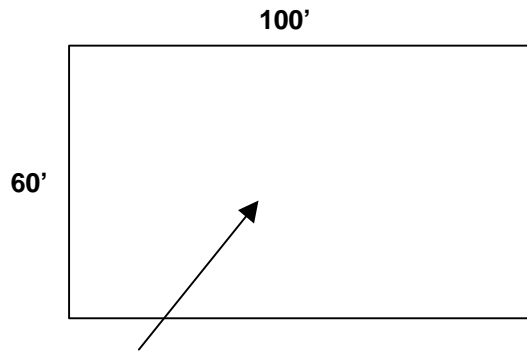
FLOOR-1 = UNDERGROUND-FLOOR HEIGHT = 50
WIDTH = 100
TILT = 180
U-EFFECTIVE = 0.0
CONSTRUCTION = CON-SLAB-1 ..

Thermal Mass

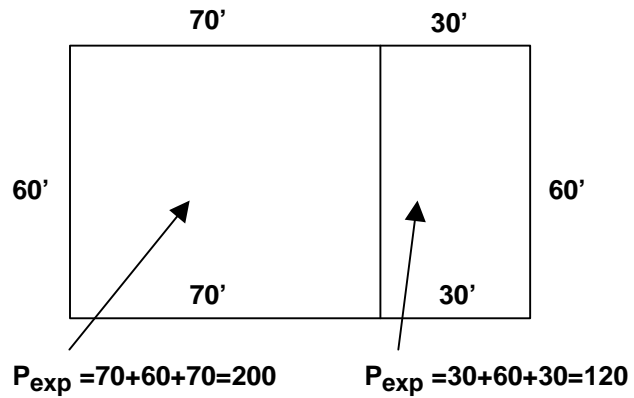
Underground surfaces are usually concrete and therefore have high thermal mass. Because of its heat storage capacity this mass attenuates loads due to heat gains (from lights, solar, people, etc.) and causes a time delay between when the heat gain occurs and when it appears as a load on the HVAC system. In general, the higher the heat capacity and the more closely coupled the mass is to the room air, the larger this delay and attenuation will be.

DOE-2 will account for thermal mass only if (1) the underground surface is entered with a layers-type construction, following the procedure described in the previous section; and (2) custom weighting factors are calculated for the space, i.e., FLOOR-WEIGHT = 0 in the SPACE or SPACE-CONDITIONS command.

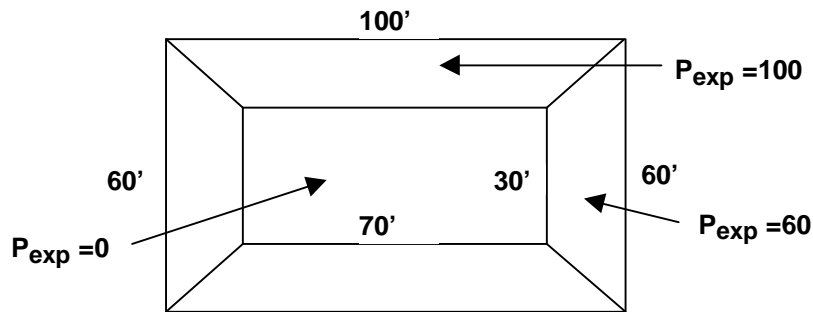
Slab-On-Grade



One zone



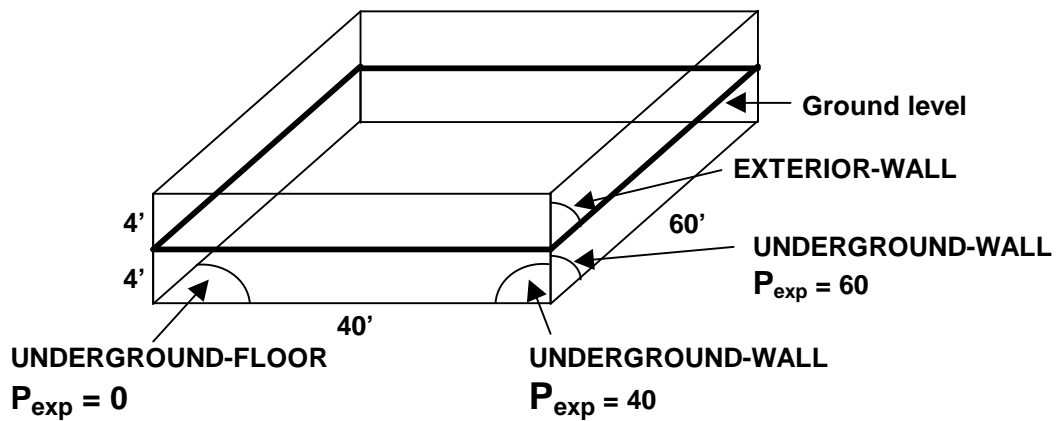
Two zones



Five zones

Exposed perimeter calculation for slab-on-grade examples.

Basement



Exposed perimeter calculation for basement.

Table 1: Perimeter Conduction Factors for Concrete Slab-On-Grade*

Slab-On-Grade			
Foundation depth	Insulation Configuration (see sketch for location of insulation)	PERIM-CONDUCT Btu/hr-F-ft (W/m-K)	
		Uncarpetted	Carpetted
2 ft	Uninsulated	1.10 (1.90)	0.77 (1.33)
	R-5 exterior	0.73 (1.26)	0.54 (0.93)
	R-10 exterior	0.65 (1.12)	0.49 (0.85)
	R-5 interior; R-5 gap	0.75 (1.30)	0.57 (0.98)
	R-10 interior	0.89 (1.54)	0.46 (0.79)
	R-10 interior; R-5 gap	0.70 (1.21)	0.53 (0.92)
	R-10 interior; R-10 gap	0.68 (1.17)	0.52 (0.90)
	R-5 2-ft perimeter; R-5 gap	0.78 (1.35)	0.60 (1.04)
	R-10 2-ft perimeter; R-5 gap	0.73 (1.26)	0.57 (0.98)
	R-10 4-ft perimeter	0.79 (1.36)	0.59 (1.02)
	R-10 15-ft perimeter, R-5 gap	0.39 (0.67)	0.34 (0.59)
	R-5 16-in exterior, R-5 2-ft horizontal	0.65 (1.12)	0.48 (0.83)
	R-5 16-in exterior, R-5 4-ft horizontal	0.58 (1.00)	0.43 (0.74)
	R-10 16-in exterior, R-5 2-ft horizontal	0.56 (0.97)	0.41 (0.71)
	R-10 16-in exterior, R-5 4-ft horizontal	0.47 (0.81)	0.35 (0.60)
4 ft	Uninsulated	1.10 (1.90)	0.77 (1.33)
	R-5 exterior	0.61 (1.05)	0.46 (0.79)
	R-10 exterior	0.50 (0.86)	0.37 (0.64)
	R-15 exterior	0.44 (0.76)	0.33 (0.57)
	R-20 exterior	0.40 (0.69)	0.30 (0.52)
	R-5 interior; R-5 gap	0.63 (1.09)	0.48 (0.83)
	R-10 interior; R-5 gap	0.54 (0.93)	0.42 (0.73)
	R-15 interior; R-5 gap	0.50 (0.86)	0.38 (0.66)
	R-20 interior; R-5 gap	0.47 (0.81)	0.36 (0.62)
	R-5 4-ft perimeter; R-5 gap	0.68 (1.17)	0.54 (0.93)
	R-10 4-ft perimeter; R-5 gap	0.61 (1.05)	0.49 (0.85)
	R-10 4-ft perimeter	0.79 (1.36)	0.59 (1.02)
	R-10 15-ft perimeter, R-5 gap	0.39 (0.67)	0.34 (0.59)
	R-5 16-in exterior, R-5 2-ft horizontal	0.65 (1.12)	0.48 (0.83)
	R-5 16-in exterior, R-5 4-ft horizontal	0.58 (1.00)	0.43 (0.74)
	R-10 16-in exterior, R-5 2-ft horizontal	0.56 (0.97)	0.41 (0.71)
	R-10 16-in exterior, R-5 4-ft horizontal	0.47 (0.81)	0.35 (0.60)

*Source: Y.J.Huang, L.S.Shen, J.C.Bull and L.F.Goldberg, "Whole-House Simulation of Foundation Heat Flows Using the DOE-2.1C Program," ASHRAE Trans. 94 (2), 1988, updated by Y.J.Huang, private communication.

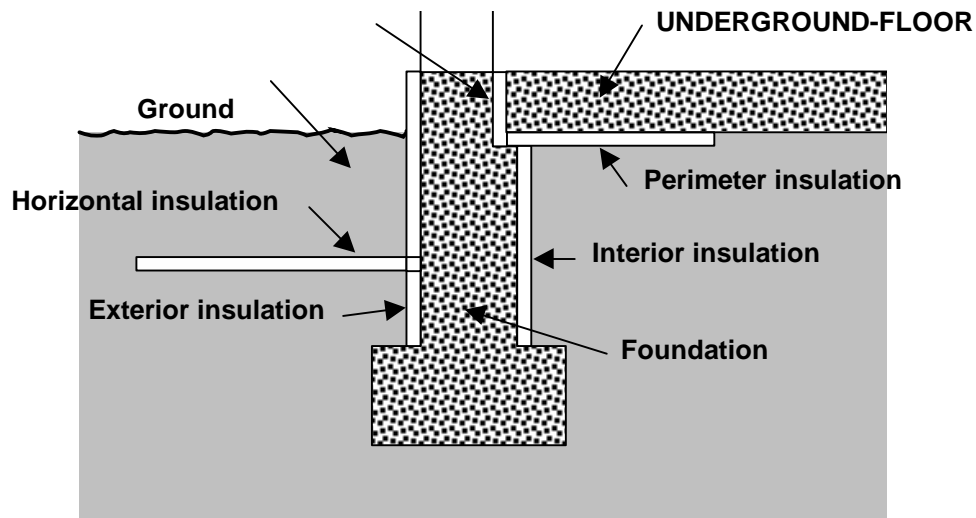


Table 2: Perimeter Conduction Factors for Basement Walls*

Basement Wall		
Underground Wall Height	Construction (see sketch for location of insulation)	PERIM-CONDUCT Btu/hr-F-ft (W/m-K)
8 ft (deep basement)	R-0 (uninsulated), concrete	1.94 (3.35)
	4-ft R-5 exterior, concrete	1.28 (2.21)
	8-ft R-5 exterior, concrete	0.99 (1.71)
	4-ft R-10 exterior, concrete	1.15 (1.99)
	8-ft R-10 exterior, concrete	0.75 (1.30)
	8-ft R-15 exterior, concrete	0.63 (1.09)
	8-ft R-20 exterior, concrete	0.56(0.97)
	8-ft R-10 interior, concrete	0.78 (1.35)
	R-0, wood frame	1.30 (2.25)
	R-11, wood frame	0.88 (1.52)
	R-19, wood frame	0.79 (1.37)
	R-30, wood frame	0.66 (1.14)
4 ft (shallow basement)	R-0 (uninsulated), concrete	1.61 (2.78)
	R-5 exterior, concrete	0.89 (1.54)
	R-10 exterior, concrete	0.73 (1.26)
	R-15 exterior, concrete	0.66 (1.14)
	R-20 exterior, concrete	0.65 (1.12)
	R-10 interior, concrete	0.79 (1.37)
	R-0, wood frame	1.10 (1.90)
	R-11, wood frame	0.80 (1.38)
	R-19, wood frame	0.74 (1.28)

*Source: Y.J.Huang, L.S.Shen, J.C.Bull and L.F.Goldberg, "Whole-House Simulation of Foundation Heat Flows Using the DOE-2.1C Program," ASHRAE Trans. 94 (2), 1988, updated by Y.J. Huang, private communication.

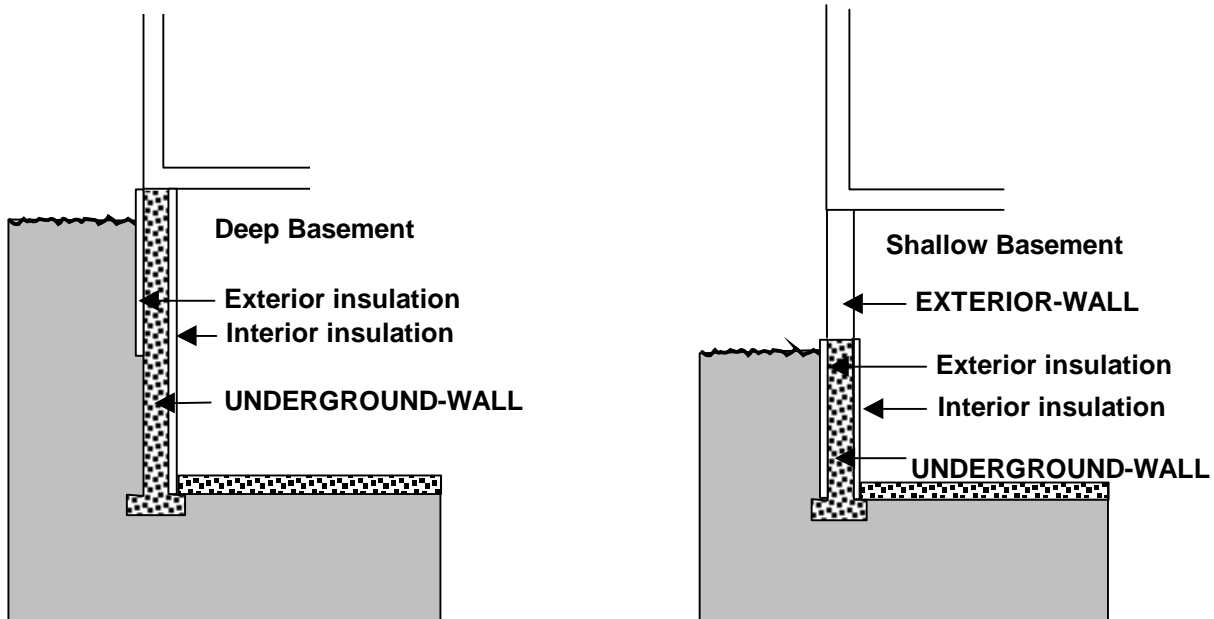
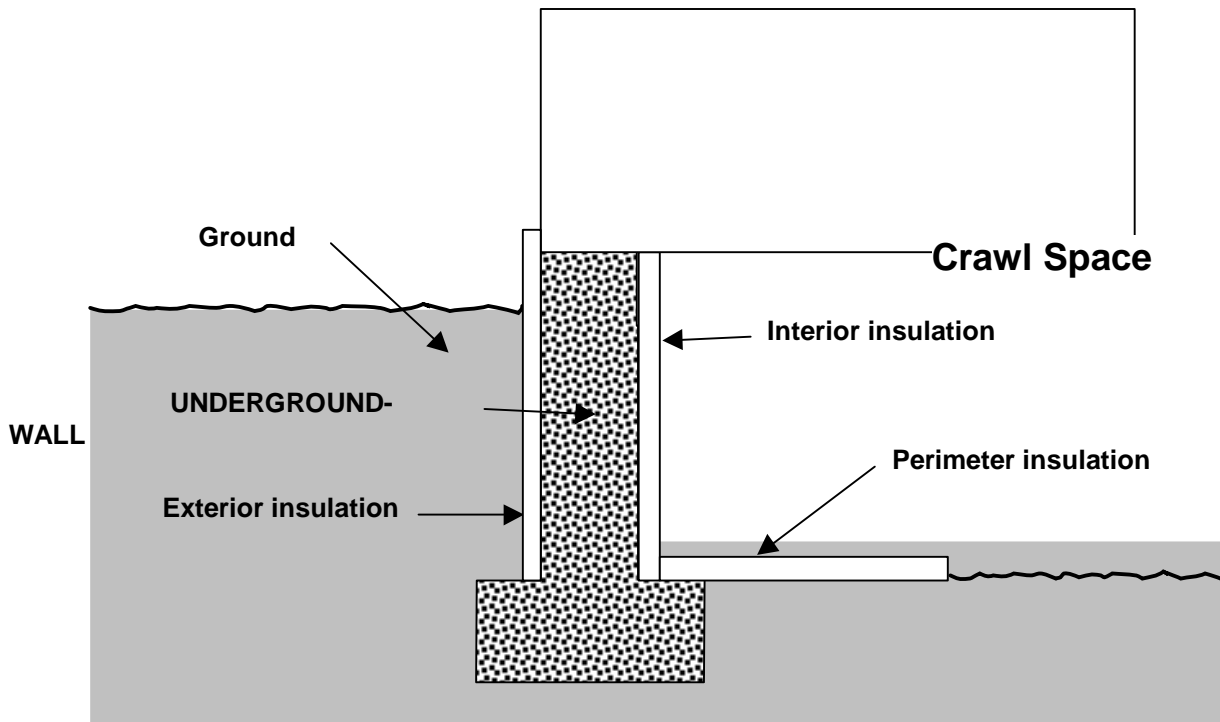


Table 3: Perimeter Conduction Factors for Crawl Space Walls*

Crawl Space Wall		
Wall Height	Construction (see sketch for location of insulation)	PERIM-CONDUCT Btu/hr-F-ft (W/m-K)
2 ft	R-0 (uninsulated), concrete	1.29 (2.23)
	R-5 exterior, concrete	0.93 (1.61)
	R-10 exterior, concrete	0.87 (1.95)
	R-5 interior, concrete	0.97 (1.50)
	R-10 interior, concrete	0.91 (1.57)
	R-5 interior; R-5 4-ft perimeter, concrete	0.73 (1.26)
	R-10 interior; R-10 4-ft perimeter, concrete	0.68 (1.18)
	R-0, wood frame	1.00 (1.73)
	R-11, wood frame	0.88 (1.52)
	R-19, wood frame	0.86 (1.49)
4 ft	R-0 (uninsulated), concrete	1.28 (2.21)
	R-5 exterior, concrete	0.71 (1.23)
	R-10 exterior, concrete	0.59 (1.02)
	R-15 exterior, concrete	0.54 (0.93)
	R-20 exterior, concrete	0.50 (0.86)
	R-5 interior; R-5 4-ft perimeter, concrete	0.64 (1.11)
	R-10 interior; R-10 4-ft perimeter, concrete	0.58 (1.00)
	R-0, wood frame	0.83 (1.44)
	R-11, wood frame	0.59 (1.02)
	R-19, wood frame	0.55 (0.95)

*Source: Y.J.Huang, L.S.Shen, J.C.Bull and L.F.Goldberg, "Whole-House Simulation of Foundation Heat Flows Using the DOE-2.1C Program," ASHRAE Trans. 94 (2), 1988, updated by Y.J. Huang, private communication.



Compare-IT from RLW Analytics, Inc.

Compare-IT is a Windows program whose graphical user interface (GUI) is built according to a DOE-2 input file's macro definitions. After *Compare-IT* commands are added to legacy DOE-2 models, *Compare-IT* reads the input file and builds the GUI. *Compare-IT* allows any DOE-2 macro definition to be available in an easy-to-use Windows interface. Value-entry text boxes with labels, tool tip definitions, units, minimum, maximum, and default values are all entered and transferred to the Windows interface (Fig. 1). Error checking is achieved with the minimum and maximum values obtained from the DOE-2 input files.

The screenshot shows the Compare-IT software interface. The title bar reads "E:\Compare-IT\Projects\test.shp - RLW Analytics Compare-IT - New Alternative 1". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Alternative", "Simulation", and "Help". The interface is divided into two main tabs: "HVAC" and "Economics". The "HVAC" tab is active, showing a "Project" section with "Building Dimensions" and "Building Constructions". The "Building Dimensions" section includes text boxes for Orientation (0), Width (100), Depth (100), Wall Height (12), Plenum Height (3), Perimeter Zone Depth (20), Floors (2), North Window Area (40), East Window Area (40), South Window Area (40), and West Window Area (40). A tooltip for the Width box displays "Units: degrees, Min: 0, Max: 360, Default: 0". The "Building Constructions" section includes dropdown menus for Wall Construction (8" Block), Roof Construction (CON-R30), and Glass Type (Single Pane Tint). The "Economics" tab is also visible, showing a "Building Description" section with text boxes and dropdown menus for Building Operation (1.50), Lighting Power (1.50), Light Schedule (10hrs 5days), Equipment Power (0.75), Equipment Schedule (10hrs 5days), Area per Person (250), and Occupant Schedule (10hrs 5days). A "Help" button is located in the bottom right corner.

Figure 1: Interface built from a DOE-2 input file.

Drop-down list boxes are also enabled through *Compare-IT* commands; they are filled with items that are read from the DOE-2 input file along with a description for each item. The text boxes and drop-down list boxes can be organized in frames and tabs to create an intuitive interface. Help text is enabled for each tab section and can include anything, such as an explanation of the values and selections on that tab or standard values to use.

Through a seemingly-endless number of alternatives, *Compare-IT* can vary either a DOE-2 macro or an entirely new model or weather file.

Compare-IT automatically handles all DOE-2 files that are required and generated during a simulation run. The user has the option of leaving the individual input, BDL echo, for022 (sans macro text), output, and hourly report files on the computer or zipping or deleting them. If they are zipped, one zip file is created for each alternative containing the specified files, shown in Fig. 2.

Compare-IT automatically specifies and extracts end-use energy, energy costs, and hourly end-use data for the entire year. This data can be viewed for selected alternatives or exported to an Excel spreadsheet.

Compare-IT is an ideal tool for equipment manufacturers, building operators, utilities, and consulting firms to utilize DOE-2 through an easy to use and simple interface.

Compare-IT displays the options the DOE-2 expert wants to make available to the novice program user using the language or jargon they choose.

Compare-IT requires Windows 95 or Windows NT 3.51 or later. *Compare-IT* will run any macro-enabled DOE-2.1n file as well as DOE-2.2.

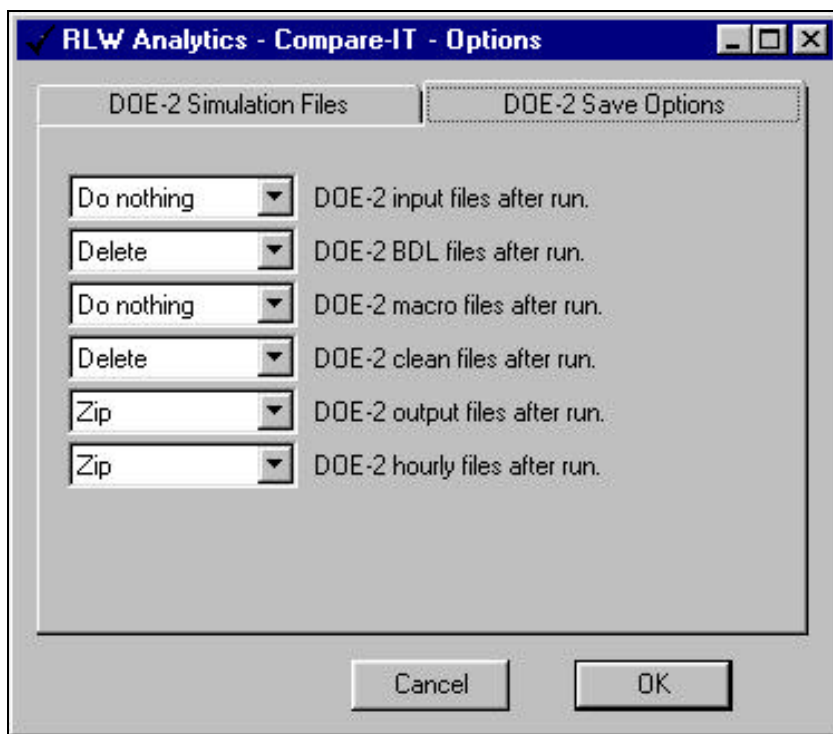


Figure 2: DOE-2 File Options.

RLW Analytics, Inc., 1055 Broadway, Sonoma, CA 95476 provides analytical, engineering, and market research consulting for utilities and private companies. See *User News*, Vol. 17, No. 2, for an article on their Visualize-IT Visual Data Analysis tools. For information, phone 707-939-8823, fax 939-9218, email info@rlw.com.

“Building Loads Analysis and System Thermodynamics”

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The **Building Loads Analysis and System Thermodynamics (BLAST)** system is a comprehensive set of programs for predicting energy consumption and energy system performance and cost in buildings. The BLAST system was developed by the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (USACERL) under the sponsorship of the Department of the Air Force, Air Force Engineering and Services Center (AFESC), and the Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE). After the original release of BLAST in December 1977, the program was extended and improved under the sponsorship of the General Services Administration, Office of Professional Services; BLAST Version 2.0 was released in June 1979. Under the sponsorship of the Department of the Air Force, Aeronautical System Division, and the Department of Energy, Conservation and Solar Energy Office, the program was further extended; BLAST Version 3.0 was completed in September 1980. Since 1983, the BLAST system has been supported and maintained by the BLAST Support Office at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

BLAST can be used to investigate the energy performance of new or retrofit building design options of almost any type and size. In addition to performing peak load (design day) calculations necessary for mechanical

equipment design, BLAST also estimates the annual energy performance of the facility, which is essential for the design of solar and total energy (cogeneration) systems and for determining compliance with design energy budgets. Repeated use of BLAST is inexpensive; it can be used to evaluate, modify, and re-evaluate alternate designs on the basis of annual energy consumption and cost.

The BLAST analysis program contains three major subprograms:

- The Space Load Prediction subprogram computes hourly space loads in a building based on weather data and user inputs detailing the building construction and operation.
- The Air Distribution System Simulation subprogram uses the computed space loads, weather data, and user inputs describing the building air-handling system to calculate hot water, steam, gas, chilled water, and electric demands of the building and air-handling system.
- The Central Plant Simulation subprogram uses weather data, results of the air distribution system simulation, and user inputs describing the central plant to simulate boilers, chillers, on-site power generating equipment and solar energy systems; it computes monthly and annual fuel and electrical power consumption.

Heat Balance Loads Calculator (HBLC)

The BLAST graphical interface (HBLC) is a Windows-based interactive program for producing BLAST input files. HBLC allows the user to visualize the building model as it is developed and modify previously created input files. Within HBLC, each story of the building is represented as a floor plan which may contain several separate zones. Numerous other building details may be investigated and accessed through simple mouse operations. On-line helps provide valuable on-the-spot assistance that will benefit both new and experienced users. HBLC is an excellent tool which will make the process of developing BLAST input files more intuitive and efficient. You can download a demo version of HBLC (for MS Windows) from the BLAST website (User manual included!). A FREE UPGRADE IS AVAILABLE to registered users, as of July 11. To obtain a password and instructions for downloading, e-mail to: support@blast.bso.uiuc.edu, or call (217) 333-3977. This upgrade may also be obtained by post for a nominal fee.

WINLCCID 97




LCCID (Life Cycle Cost in Design) has been a standard in the DoD community since its initial release in 1986. LCCID was developed to perform Life Cycle Cost Analyses (LCCA) for the Department of Defense and their contractors, yet it goes far beyond being just a DoD study tool by providing many features of a general purpose life cycle costing tool. With LCCID, it's easy to carry out "what-if" analyses based on variables such as present and future costs and/or maintenance and repair costs. LCCID allows an analysis based on standard DoD procedures and annually updated escalation factors as well as Energy Conservation Investment Program (ECIP) LCCA. You can download a demo version of WINLCCID 97 (for MS Windows) from the BLAST website. [See *User News* Vol. 16, No. 4, p. 5].

To order BLAST-related programs, contact Kavon Pontius at the BLAST Support Office

BLAST Order Information		
Program Name	Order Number	Price Each
PC BLAST Package The standard PC BLAST Package includes the following programs: BLAST, HBLC, BTEXT, WIFE, CHILLER, Report Writer, Report Writer File Generator, Comfort Report program, Weather File Reporting Program, Control Profile Macros for Lotus or Symphony, and the Design Week Program. A soft copy of the BLAST manual will be included as help files with the software. Executable version of BLAST Software Package for an IBM 386/486/Pentium.	3B386E3-0695	\$950.00
PORTABLE BLAST (on DOS Formatted Disks) PC BLAST package plus FORTRAN source code	3BPORA3-0695	\$1500.00
WINLCCID 97: executable version for 386/486/Pentium	3LCC3-0797	\$295.00
WINLCCID 97: update from WINLCCID 96	4LCC3-0797	\$195.00
BLAST 3.0 Documentation Set (Enter Quantity)		
Printed version in a 3-ring binder	1001-0695	\$250.00
The last four digits of the catalog number indicate the month and year the item was released or published. This will enable you to see if you have the most recent version. All software will be shipped on 3.5" high density floppy disks unless noted otherwise.		

DOE-2 Directory of Program Related Software and Services¹

PC Versions of DOE-2

Program Name	Operating System	Description
ADM-DOE-2		Information not received from vendor 
DOE-PLUS Based on ... 	DOS Windows (3.1, 95, NT)	Complete support for all DOE-2 commands. Imports BDL files created with a text editor or other program. Interactive error checking. 3-D view of building can be rotated and zoomed. 3-D view identifies windows, walls, etc., by DOE-2 U-name and allows component editing. User-defined libraries of schedules, HVAC systems, plant equipment, building components, etc. Exports results to spreadsheets and database programs. Graphical display of schedules. Utility programs included: Prep, Demand Analyzer, weather processor. On-line help. Over 500 worldwide weather files. [See User News Vol. 11, No. 4, p. 4 and Vol. 13, No. 2, p. 54, and Vol. 16, No. 1, p. 28-32]
Demo: www.halcyon.com/byrne		
EnergyPro Based on ESTSC ² DOE-2.1E V. 092 Demo: www.energysoft.com	Windows (95, NT)	Performs nonresidential load calculations for HVAC equipment sizing. Produces typeset quality reports/forms. Electronically exports forms to AutoCad for inclusion on blueprints. On-line help. 344 weather files for the U.S. and Canada. <u>For California Users:</u> Performs Title 24 compliance calculations, includes state-certified HVAC and DHW Equipment directories, Title 24 tailored lighting calculations. [See User News Vol. 18, Nos. 2, 4]
EZDOE Based on J.J. Hirsch DOE-2.1D Demo: www.elitesoft.com	DOS	Provides full screen, fill-in-the-blank data entry, dynamic error checking, context-sensitive help, mouse support, graphic reports, a 750-page user manual, and extensive weather data. EZDOE integrates the full calculation modules of DOE-2 into a powerful, full implementation of DOE-2 on DOS-based 386 and higher computers. On-line help. Includes some weather files. [See User News Vol. 14, No. 2, p. 10 and No. 4, p. 8-14]
FTI/DOE Based on ESTSC ² DOE-2.1E V. 092 No demo, 30-day trial period	DOS Windows (3.x, 95, NT) AIX, ULTRIX, VMS, Linux, NeXTStep,	FTI/DOE is 100% compatible with LBNL version. Highly optimized and extremely reliable. Version 3.1 will include a graphical user interface and will provide full command functionality and access to all reporting features of the original. Interface is Java-based and will be available for any system supporting Java. Source code versions will compile with most F77-compliant compilers. On-line help: Yes for Version 3.x, No for Version 2.x. 344 weather files for the U.S. and Canada. [See User News Vol. 12, No. 4, p. 16]
MICRO-DOE2 Based on ESTSC ² DOE-2.1E V. 088 Demo: call vendor	DOS Windows (3.1, 95, NT)	Widely-used, reliable, and tested. Includes automatic weather processing, batch file creation, and a Users Guide with instructions on how to set up a RAM drive. System requirements: 386/486 PC with 4 MB of RAM and math co-processor. Optional BDL-Builder simplifies input (see "Pre- and Post-Processors for DOE-2). On-line help. Program includes some weather files. [See User News Vol. 7, No. 4, p. 2; Vol. 11, No. 1, p. 2; Vol. 15, No. 1, p. 8; Vol. 15, No. 3, p. 4; Vol. 16, No. 2, p. 1,7; Vol. 16, No. 4, p. 7-8]
PRC-DOE-2		Information not received from vendor 
VisualDOE2.6 Based on J.J. Hirsch DOE-2.1E, V. 083 Demo: www.eley.com	DOS Windows (3.1, 95, NT)	Dramatically faster construction of building geometry using pre-defined blocks and/or drawing interface. Import zone shapes from CADD file (dxf format). Point-and-click to define zone properties and HVAC systems. Define up to 20 design alternatives in each project file. View rotatable 3-D image of model. Create custom hourly output reports and customized graphs. Edit and expand library of constructions, schedules, equipment, and utility rates. Add custom performance curves. Network version allows sharing of libraries. On-line help. 400+ weather files for the U.S., 12+ weather files for Canada, plus selected locations around the world. [See User News Vol. 15, No. 2, p. 10; Vol. 16, No. 4, p. 9-16; Vol. 17, No. 4, p. 8-13]

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² Energy Science & Technology Software Center at Oak Ridge National Laboratory


DOE-2 Directory of Program Related Software and Services

PC Versions of DOE-2

Interface Output	Support	Program Price	Vendor Information
			ADM-DOE-2 (Marla Sullivan) 3239 Ramos Circle Sacramento, CA 95827 Ph: 916-363-8383 / Fx: 916-363-1788
Interactive, graphical, fill-in-the-blanks	Unlimited, except for DOE-2 modeling advice	\$895 with DOE-2 and doc \$495 without DOE-2 Source code not available.	DOE-Plus (Steve Byrne) Item Systems 321 High School Road NE #344 Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 Ph: 206-855-9540 / Fx: 206-855-9541 byrne @ item.com
Customizable tables and graphics			
Graphical	Unlimited support	\$1095 w/documentation Source code not available.	EnergyPro (Demian Vonderkullen) Gabel Dodd/EnergySoft 100 Galli Drive #1 Novato, CA 94949 Ph: 415-883-5900 / Fx: 415-883-5970 demian@energysoft.com
Graphs, forms			
Fill-in-the-blanks	Unlimited phone support	\$1295 w/documentation Source code not available.	EZDOE (Bill Smith) Elite Software P.O. Box 1194 Bryan, TX 77806 Ph: 409-846-2340 / Fx: 409-846-4367 bsmith @ elitesoft.com
Standard DOE reports plus some custom graphic reports			
Version 2.x: text based Version 3.x: graphical	Free support for 90 days from date of purchase. After 90 days, support is: \$35 email per incident \$55 hour per incident \$125 per hour for engineering advice. Bugs reports free.	\$ 995.99 US w/documentation \$1066 Int'l w/documentation \$4999.99 source code	FTI/DOE2 (Scott A. Henderson) Finite Technologies Inc. 3763 Image Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99504 Ph: 907-333-8937 / Fx: 907-333-4482 info @ finite-tech.com
All standard DOE-2 reports			
Fill-in-the-blanks	Assistance provided to install and initially use program. Reasonable support thereafter. Training available at Users office. Support price negotiated individually.	\$500 w/documentation Source code available, call for price.	MICRO-DOE2 (Don Croy) Acrosoft/CAER Engineers 1204-1/2 Washington Avenue Golden, CO 80401 Ph: 303-279-8136 / Fx: 303-279-0506 102447.2611@compuserve.com
Run time and status graphics			
			PRC-DOE-2 (Paul Reeves) Partnership for Resource Conservation 140 South 34 th Street Boulder, CO 80303 Ph: 430315-499-8611 / Fx: 303-554-1370 paulreeves@aol.com
Graphical	90 days free phone and email support.	\$495 w/documentation Source code not available.	VisualDOE2.6 (C. Eley or Erik Kolderup) Charles Eley Associates 142 Minna Street San Francisco, CA 94105 Ph: 415-957-1977 / Fx: 415-957-1381 support@eley.com
Summary tables, graphs, standard DOE-2.1E reports	Support is \$195 per year after first 90 days		

Caveat : We list third-party DOE-2-related products and services for the convenience of program users, with the understanding that the Simulation Research Group does not have the resources to check the DOE-2 program adaptations and utilities for accuracy or reliability.

Pre- and Post-Processors for DOE-2¹

Program Name	Description
BDL Builder and E2BB	BDL Builder is a user-friendly Windows-implemented pre-processor for DOE-2.1E that allows the description of specific building and HVAC characteristics with numeric input by preparing databases, or building blocks, and then selecting records from the databases to assemble a complete input. E2BB translates existing DOE-2.1E text input to BDL Builder .
DrawBDL	DrawBDL , Version 2.02, is a graphic debugging and drawing tool for DOE-2 building geometry. DrawBDL reads your BDL input and makes a rotatable 3-D drawing of your building with walls, windows, and building shades shown in different colors for easy identification. [See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 14, No. 1, p. 5-7, Vol. 14, No. 4, p. 16-17, and Vol. 16, No. 1, p.37]
Visualize-IT Visual Data Analysis Tools	The Energy Information Tool is a program for looking at and understanding metered or DOE-2.1E hourly output data. It provides the unprecedented ability to see all 8760 (or 35040) data points for a year's worth of data. You get an overview of the data with an EnergyPrint and can then explore the data with a variety of tools including load shapes, load duration curves, etc. This program requires a 486 or higher computer and SVGA graphics capabilities. The Calibration Tool is a program for comparing DOE-2.1E hourly output data to total load and/or end-use metered data. Options include monthly demand and load 2D graphs, maximum and seasonal load shapes, average load profiles, end use residuals, monthly average week and weekend days, and dynamic comparison load shapes. This program requires a 486 or higher computer and SVGA graphics capabilities. [See <i>User News</i> Vol. 17, No. 2, p. 2-6]
PRC-TOOLS	Information not received from vendor 



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Pre- and Post-Processors for DOE-2 (continued)

Operating System	Works with this version of DOE-2	Price	Vendor
Dos or Windows 3.1, 95	All 2.1E "stock" versions of the program	BDL Builder \$750.00 E2BB \$45.00	MICRO-DOE2 (Don Croy) Acrosoft/CAER Engineers 1204-1/2 Washingtín Avenue Golden, CO 80401 Ph: 303-279-8136 / Fx: 303-279-0506 102447.2611@compuserve.com
	DOE-2.1E		Joe Huang & Associates 6720 Potrero Avenue El Cerrito, CA 91364 Ph/Fx: 510-236-9238
Windows 3.1	DOE-2.1E		RLW Analytics, Inc. (Jim McCray 1055 Broadway, G Sonoma, CA 95476 Ph: 707-939-8823 Fx: 707-939-9218 Info@rlw.com www.rlw.com Pat Bailey Jedd L. Parker)
			PRC-DOE-2 (Paul Reeves) Partnership for Resource Conservation 140 South 34 th Street Boulder, CO 80303 Ph: 430315-499-8611 / Fx: 303-554-1370 paulreeves@aol.com

The Answer Man

Question In DOE-2, is it necessary to include explicit orientation information (X, Y, Z, AZIMUTH, TILT) for interior walls when studying daylighting?

Answer Only the TILT value is needed. It is used to determine whether the surface is a floor, wall or ceiling. This information is then used in the room interreflection calculation in the following way. Light moving upward through a window is reflected off of the ceiling and the upper part of walls. Light moving downward through a window is reflected off of the floor and the lower part of the walls.

This is the so-called "split-flux" calculation. It is crude since it neglects the X, Y, Z and azimuth of the surfaces. However, it gives a fairly good interreflected illuminance estimate for rectangular rooms with a depth less than three times floor to ceiling height.



TOOLS AND TRAINING

<p>Building Energy Simulation User News (a quarterly newsletter) Sent without charge, the newsletter prints documentation updates and changes, bug fixes, inside tips on using the programs more effectively, and articles of special interest to users of DOE-2, BLAST, SPARK and their derivatives. The winter issue features an index of articles printed in all the back issues. Also available electronically at http://eande.lbl.gov/BTP/SRG/UNews</p>	<p>Simulation Research Group Bldg. 90, Room 3147 Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Berkeley, CA 94720 Contact: Kathy Ellington Fax: (510) 486-4089 kathy@srge.lbl.gov</p>
<p>Help Desk Bruce Birdsall Call or fax Bruce Birdsall if you have a DOE-2 problem or question. If you need to fax an example of your problem to Bruce, please be sure to telephone him prior to sending the fax. This is a free service provided by the Simulation Research Group at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.</p>	<p>Bruce Birdsall Phone/Fax: (925) 671-6942 Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pacific Time</p>
<p>Training DOE-2 courses for beginning and advanced users.</p>	<p>Marlin Addison Phone: (602) 968-2040 Maddiso@ix.netcom.com</p>
<p>Instructional DOE-2 Video and Manual Takes you step-by-step in DOE-2.1D input preparation and output interpretation.</p>	<p>Dr. Michael Brandemuehl, Director JCEM/U. Colorado CEAE Dept CB 428 Boulder, CO 80309-0428 Phone: (303) 492-3915, fax 492-7317</p>

DOE-2.1E Bug Fixes via FTP

If you have Internet access you can obtain the latest bug fixes to the LBNL version of DOE-2.1E by anonymous ftp. Here's how...

ftp to either gundog@lbl.gov or to 128.3.254.10

login: *type* anonymous

passwd: *type in your e-mail address*

After logging on, go to directory `pub/21e-mods` ; bug fixes are in files that end with `.mod` . A description of the fixes is in file **VERSIONS.txt** in directory `pub` . Each fix has its own version number, *nnn* , which is printed out as DOE-2.1E- *nnn* on the DOE-2.1E banner page and output reports when the program is recompiled with the fix. You may direct questions about accessing or incorporating the bug fixes to Ender Erdem (ender@gundog.lbl.gov).

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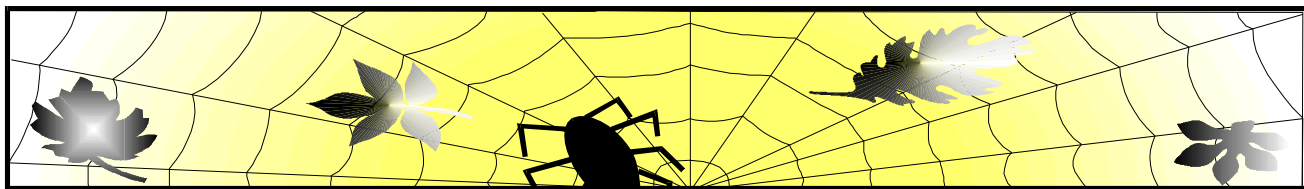
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TMY2 weather data for DOE-2. ENERGOS will provide TMY2 data for 239 cities converted for use with DOE-2 for PC versions of the program (DOE-2.1C through DOE-2.1E).	Kurmit Rockwell ENERGOS 1705-14 th Street, #401 Boulder, CO; 80302 Phone: (303) 499-7907 Fax: (303) 449-7605
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European Weather Files	Andre Dewint Alpha Pi, s.a. rue de Livourne 103/12 B-1050 BRUXELLES, Belgium Phone: 32-2-649-8359 / Fax: 32-2-649-9437
TMY data sets - download from the World Wide Web TMY2 data sets and TMY2 User Manual - download from the World Wide Web [See <i>User News</i> Vol. 18, no. 2, p. 17]	TMY: http://oipea-www.rutgers.edu/html_docs/TMY/tmy.html TMY2: http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/
TMY (Typical Meteorological Year) TRY (Test Reference Year)	National Climatic Data Center 151 Patton Avenue, #120 Asheville, NC 28801 Phone: (704) 271-4871 order Fax 271-4876
CTZ (California Thermal Climate Zones)	California Energy Commission Bruce Maeda, MS-25 1516-9 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814-5512 1-800-772-3300 Energy Hotline
WYEC (Weather Year for Energy Calculation)	ASHRAE 1791 Tullie Circle N.E. Atlanta, GA 30329 Phone: (404)636-8400 / Fax: (404)321-5478
Canadian Weather Files in WYEC2 Format [Note: the original long-term data sets, up to 40 years of data, from which the CWEC files were derived can also be obtained directly from Environment Canada. Contact Mr. Robert Morris at (416) 739-4361.]	Dr. Didier Thevenard Watsun Simulation Lab University of Waterloo Waterloo, Ont., N2L-3G1 Canada Phone: (519) 888-4904 Fax: (519) 888-6197 watsun@helix.watstar.uwaterloo.ca



World-Wide Web and Internet Sites for Building Energy Efficiency

The first two listings are newsgroups, not websites	
(net) sci.engr.heat-vent-ac	HVAC discussion group.
(net) sci.engr.lighting	Lighting discussion group.
These URLs, on the World-Wide Web, start with http://	
www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/energy_tools/energyplus.htm/	EnergyPlus Information on EnergyPlus capabilities, structure, and development schedule. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 3; Vol. 18, No. 4, Vol. 19, No. 1, p.1, 25.
www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/tools_directory/	Building Energy Tools Directory from the U.S. Department of Energy An electronic directory of software programs under four headings: Whole-Building Analysis, Codes and Standards, Materials/Components/Equipment/Systems, and Other Applications . See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 4, p. 35.
www.bso.uiuc.edu	BLAST Support Office
www.energy.ca.gov/energy/cectext/ETEC.html	California Energy Commission's Energy Technology and Education Center. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 1, p. 42.
www.hike.te.chiba-u.ac.jp/ikeda/CIE/publ/110-94.html	The International Commission on Illumination – CIE See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 1, p. 44.
www.eren.doe.gov/	EREN: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network of the U.S. Department of Energy . See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 1, p. 44.
www.doe.gov/	U.S. Department of Energy . See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 15, No. 4, p. 1.
www.whitehouse.gov/	The White House home page contains an Interactive Citizens Handbook that lists U.S. Government servers by agency. Use this site as a jumping-off point to explore other Federal agencies. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 15, No. 4, p. 1.
www.fedworld.gov/	FedWorld is the U.S. Government's Federal Information Network home page. It lists web servers, ftp, gopher, and telnet sites and is organized by subject categories. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 2, p. 22.
www.fedworld.gov/ntis/ntishome.html	National Technical Information Service NTIS gathers and markets scientific, technical and business-related information.
www.caddet-ee.org	Center for the Analysis and Dissemination of Demonstrated Energy Technologies An IEA program for collecting and disseminating information on, energy-efficient and renewable energy technologies. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 2, p. 23.
crest.org/aceee	American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy A non-profit organization for the advancement of energy efficiency. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 2, p. 23.
www.ashrae.org	American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning An international membership organization for HVAC professionals. <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 3, p. 31.

www.cisti.nrc.ca/irc/irccontents.html	[Canadian] Institute for Research in Construction IRC is part of the NRC, Canada's premier science and technology agency. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 3, p. 31.
next1.mae.okstate.edu/ibpsa/	International Building Performance Simulation Association An international society of building performance simulation professionals. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 16, No. 4, p. 35.
www.fsec.ucf.edu/	Florida Solar Energy Center State of Florida's energy institute specializing in energy research and education in partnership with private and public organizations. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 1, p. 29.
eande.lbl.gov/BTP/WDG/ /RESFEN/resfen.html /SUPERLITE/superlite2.html /WDG.html	Fenestration software from LBNL See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 1, p. 14. RESFEN-2.4 – calculates residential fenestration heating and cooling energy use/costs SUPERLITE-2.0 – calculates daylight illuminance distributions for room geometries WINDOW-4.1 – thermal analysis program to characterize window product performance
http://www.energy.ca.gov/reports/ title24/index.html	State of California's Title 24 Building Energy Standards See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17., No. 2, p. 25.
fcn.state.fl.us/fdi/fdi-home.htm	State of Florida's Design Initiative (FDI) See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 2, p. 25.
fcn.state.fl.us/fdi/edesign/online/edo.htm	e-design , the online newsletter for Florida's Design Initiative See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 2, p. 25.
www.energy.wsu.edu/ep/ wsu.edu/ep/eic/ wsu.edu/ep/eic/eicsoft.htm wsu.edu/ep/eic/eicfiles.htm	The Energy Program (EP) of WSU. <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 3, p.26. Energy Ideas Clearinghouse , 925 Plum St S.E., Olympia, WA 98504-3171 Software and files from the Energy Ideas Clearinhouse More download-able energy software from the Energy Ideas Clearinhouse
eande.lbl.gov/CBS/VH/advisor.html	The Virtual Home Energy Advisor from LBNL's Center for Building science. Run a quick heating-cooling model and see how much homes in your region can save. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 3, p.26.
www.pge.com/customer_services/ other/pec/homepage/pec.html	Pacific Gas & Electric's Energy Center located in San Francisco, CA. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 4, p. 35
dial.uwaterloo.ca/~watsun/home.htm	Watsun Simulation Laboratory was established with the support of the National Research Council of Canada. Its mission is to develop general purpose simulation software for solar energy system simulation performance. See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 4, p. 35.
WWW.CSEMAG.COM/	An online version of Consulting-Specifying Engineer Magazine See <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 4, p. 35.
www.homeenergy.org	Home Energy Magazine An impartial source to aid in making informed decisions on energy conservation measures. See the <i>User News</i> , Vol. 17, No. 1, p. 29 Vol. 17, No. 4, p.1.
eande.lbl.gov/BTP/BDA/BDA.html	The Building Design Advisor (BDA) is a software environment that supports the integrated use of multiple analysis and visualization tools throughout the building design process, from the initial, schematic design phases to the detailed specification of building components and systems. See the <i>User News</i> , Vol. 18, No. 4, p. 26.
http://sabuw.eea.org	The World Energy Efficiency Association (WEEA) was founded in June 1993 as a private, non-profit organization composed of developed and developing country institutions and individuals charged with increasing energy efficiency. . See the <i>User News</i> , Vol. 18, No. 4, p. 26.

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World-Wide Web Sites for Building Energy Efficiency

Lighting Design Laboratory
www.northwestlighting.com

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The Lighting Design Lab offers:

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- Lighting consultations
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EnergyPlus™ Program
www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/energy_tools/energyplus.htm

EnergyPlus is a new generation building energy simulation program that builds on the best features and capabilities of BLAST and DOE-2. EnergyPlus will include innovative simulation capabilities including time steps of less than an hour, built-in template and external modular systems simulation modules that are integrated with a heat balance-based zone simulation, and input and output data structures tailored to facilitate third party interface development. Other planned simulation capabilities include multizone air flow, and electric power simulation including photovoltaic systems and fuel cells.

EnergyPlus is currently under development--an 'alpha' version is being tested by the development team. 'Beta' versions should be available later this year. Check this site and the *Building Energy Simulation User News* for announcements of beta versions availability.

This web site will be revised regularly to provide up-to-date information on EnergyPlus including documentation, schedules, and other information.

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beta release of LBNL's Building Design Advisor

The Building Design Advisor (BDA) is an advanced, Windows-based decision-making tool intended to help architects and engineers design more energy-efficient, economic, and comfortable buildings. The program can be downloaded from http://kmp.lbl.gov/BDA/beta_download.htm and users are encouraged to submit comments, suggestions, and bug reports to K_Papamichael@lbl.gov.

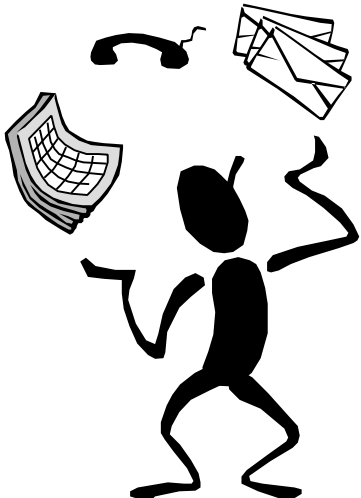
BDA version 1.0 is linked to a Schematic Graphical Editor, a daylighting simulation tool, and an energy simulation tool. Future BDA releases will be linked to additional simulation tools, including DOE-2, the de facto standard for building energy analysis, RADIANCE, a sophisticated day/lighting simulation program with photo-accurate rendering capabilities, and COMIS, a software tool for modeling airflow and indoor air quality.

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Meetings, Conferences, Symposia

<p>ACEEE 1998 Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings</p> <p>To be held August 23-28, 1998 Asilomar Conference Ctr Pacific Grove, California</p> <p>For further information: ACEEE 1001 Connecticut Avenue NW #801 Washington, DC 20036</p> <p>Tel: 202.429.8873 Fax: 202.429-0193 ace3-Cont@ccmail.pnl.gov</p>	<p>Green Building Challenge '98</p> <p>To be held October 26-28, 1998 Vancouver, British Columbia</p> <p>For further information: Darinka Tolot GBC 98 Conference Secretariat CANMET Energy Tech Ctr 580 Booth St., 13th Floor Ottawa, ON K1A 0E4 CANADA</p> <p>Tel: 613.943.2259 Fax: 613.996.9099 dtolot@nrcan.gc.ca</p>	<p>Thermal Performance of the Exterior Envelopes of Buildings (Thermal VII)</p> <p>To be held December 7-11, 1998 Clearwater Beach, FL</p> <p>For further information: Mia Prater Oak Ridge Nat'l Laboratory Thermal Envelope Conf. P.O. Box 2008 (Bldg 3147) Oak Ridge, TN 37831-6070</p> <p>Tel: 423.576.7942 Fax: 423.574.9331 unb@ornl.gov http://www.ornl.gov/ORNL/Energy_Eff/tectrans.html</p>
	<p>11th Symposium on Improving Building Systems in Hot and Humid Climates</p> <p>To be held June 1-2, 1998 Fort Worth, TX</p> <p>For further information: Ms. Dawna Rosenkranz TexasA&M University Tel: 409.862.8950 Fax: 409.862.8687 drosen@esl.tamu.edu</p>	<p>ASHRAE Annual Meeting</p> <p>To be held June 20-24, 1998 Toronto, Ontario, Canada</p> <p>For further information: ASHRAE Meetings Sections 1791 Tullie Circle NE Atlanta, GA 30329</p> <p>Tel: 404.636.8400 Fax: 404.321-5478</p>

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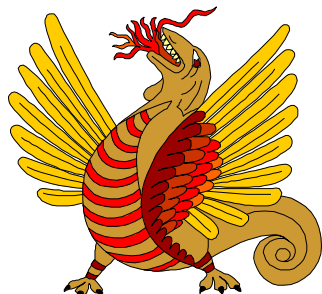
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